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Nothing Gold Can Stay
By Robert Frost

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Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf's a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day.
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On each line below, interpret what that poet is **literally** saying. Also, label words and phrases with **poetic elements**. You will have to read the poem several times and you will have to **THINK** to be able to do this assignment.

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